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18 July 1959  
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Honorable William Benton  
Encyclopaedia Britannica  
342 Madison Avenue  
Suite 702  
New York 17, New York

Dear Bill;

I envy you on your Mediterranean cruise  
with Adlai and your respective families and  
friends.

I have noted your letter to [redacted]  
enclosed with your note to me of July 10, and I was  
particularly interested in [redacted]  
[redacted]

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When you get back from your cruise, give  
me a call and I will see if there is anything I can  
do at that time to advance the visa matter. I doubt,  
however, my influence on the authorities immediately  
concerned at the other end.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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WILLIAM BENTON  
PUBLISHER & CHAIRMAN

July 10, 1959

Dear Allen:


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[REDACTED] I am seeking assistance wherever I can get it in my pursuit of a visa for Peking. The Chinese experts in London, with whom I visited last week, think that the Chinese may be greatly interested in original photographs and pictures from the Britannica, as well as other things we have to offer.

Why would it not be suitable for Ambassador Beam to put me on his agenda? We can find no responsible Chinese scholar who has definite information that the Chinese are preparing an encyclopaedia, but they are in process of developing a vast encyclopaedic type dictionary. And Ambassador Menshikov told me that the possibility of an encyclopaedia should not be excluded.

I am on a Mediterranean cruise with Governor Stevenson and our two oldest sons and daughters-in-law and friends. Last night we were speaking warmly of you and of the remarkable job of leadership you are providing.

Sincerely,

  
William Benton

The Honorable Allen Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

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STAT MR. S. D. BECHTEL, JR. *card*

APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE. UNFORTUNATELY I MUST BE IN WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY, JULY 23, BUT LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY EITHER HERE IN WASHINGTON OR IN CASE I GET TO SAN FRANCISCO.

ALLEN DULLES

Telephoned to  
Cable Secretariat  
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WUX SAN FRANCISCO CALIF JUL 16  
ALLEN W DULLES, DIRECTOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SINCE RECEIVING YOUR LETTER MARCH TWELFTH HAVE BEEN  
HOPING TO BE IN WASHINGTON. OCCASION NOT ARISEN AND

SEE NO SUCH PLAN NEAR FUTURE. DO EXPECT <sup>be</sup> ~~ME~~ IN NEW

YORK CITY TOWARD END OF NEXT WEEK IF BY ANY CHANCE

YOU PLAN BE IN NEW YORK ON THURSDAY JULY TWENTY THIRD  
AND HAVE FREE TIME WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH YOU AT YOUR  
CONVENIENCE.

OTHERWISE WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN FUTURE  
TRIPS TO EAST ARE PLANNED. BEST REGARDS  
S D BECHTEL JR

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